



Significant Issues

The NMSU analysis notes funding would enhance current funding and would be used for water use education and research programs including educating the public on water issues, such as agricultural consumptive use, depletion rates, hydrologic connections between surface and ground water, risks of particular land use to ground and domestic water systems.

This is a Water and Natural Resources Committee sponsored bill.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$300.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. What performance measures could be developed to determine the effectiveness of this program ?

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